

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) After conclusion of the preliminary enquiry dated 4th August, 1998 into the matter relating to import of 15 lakh MTs of wheat from the Australian Wheat Board during 1997-98, CBI has registered a regular case no. RC 62(A)/2001-DL on 11.09.2001.

**Special PDS facilities to BPL population in Jharkhand**

1237. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the number of persons living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in Jharkhand for the purpose of coverage under the special PDS scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether cent per cent BPL population in the State has since been issued Special Ration Cards;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government propose to take remedial measures to ensure special PDS facilities to cent per cent BPL population in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) As reported by the State Government, the identification of families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in the State of Jharkhand for the purpose of coverage under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) was done during 1996. About 97% of identified BPL families were given special cards (Red Cards) during the year 1997 and 1998. Only about 3% of the identified families were found not fit at the time of distribution of red cards. The district-wise number of identified BPL families is given in the statement (See below).

(e) State Government has directed all the Collectors to verify the eligibility of the existing red card holders and cancel the cards of ineligible families as also to grant red cards to all the eligible families in order to enable them to avail PDS facilities.

**Statement**

*List of BPL families district-wise in the state of Jharkhand identified by the State Government*

S.No.	District	BPL families
1	Sahebganj	73,873
2	Pakur	50,537
3	Gumla	59,141
4	Simdega	45,211
5	Godda	72,651
6	Dumka	89,383
7	Jamtara	45,517
8	Deoghar	39,843
9	Dhanbad	87,371
10	Hazaribagh	144,019
11	Koderma	40,703
12	Chatra	70,523
13	Ranchi	2,53,000
14	Garhwa	79,290
15	Palamu	86,000
16	Latehar	37,079
17	Lohardagga	25,792
18	Jamshedpur	1,06,759+250 (Lepors)
19	Bokaro	55,900
20	Giridih	1,25,730
21	W. Singhbhum	1,75,511
22	Saraikela	88,636
TOTAL:		18,54,709